

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. ____

Introduced by: Gregg, Grubb, Kersey, Tinch

A HOUSE RESOLUTION honoring Blessed Mother Theodore Guerin.

Whereas, Blessed Mother Theodore Guerin came to pioneer Indiana from her native country France in 1840 with five other sisters at the request of the bishop of Vincennes to teach the children of the pioneers and established a home for the Sisters of Providence northwest of Terre Haute; and

Whereas, Blessed Mother Theodore Guerin established a school for girls that would eventually become St. Mary-of-the-Woods College, the oldest Catholic liberal arts college for women in the United States; and

Whereas, Blessed Mother Theodore Guerin was committed to quality education. As part of this commitment, Blessed Mother Theodore Guerin and the Sisters of Providence established schools in Jasper, Vincennes and Fort Wayne; and



Whereas, Blessed Mother Theodore Guerin has been beatified by Pope John Paul II in 1998, which makes her one step away from sainthood in the Roman Catholic Church; and

Whereas, the Sisters of Providence remain committed to living the virtues of love, mercy and justice. The Sisters of Providence minister to the people of western Indiana through adult education, medical assistance, home rehabilitation, and food service programs for the underprivileged.

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the
General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. That Blessed Mother Theodore Guerin, foundress of the Sisters of Providence of St. Mary-of-the-Woods, be honored for her contributions to the State of Indiana.

SECTION 2. That the Department of Transportation be urged to name a portion of US 150 in western Indiana in honor of Blessed Mother Theodore Guerin.

SECTION 3. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Sisters of Providence, St. Mary-of-the-Woods, Indiana.

